



MARYLAND **Vendor Update** **Fall 2004**

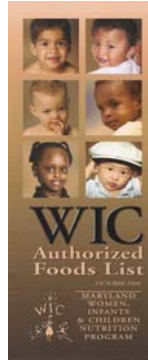
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WIC Authorized Foods List

The 2004 WIC Authorized Foods List is currently being shipped to all authorized vendors. Both the 2003 and 2004 WIC Authorized Foods Lists are to be honored by vendors until January 1, 2005. This will allow time for all WIC participants to transition to the new list. Some of the major changes to the 2004 WIC Authorized Foods List are:

- *Milk in half gallons is no longer permitted unless specified on the WIC check. Store brands must be purchased if they are available.*
- *Deli sliced cheese, string cheese and cubes are no longer allowed. Checks will read one 12 – 16 oz. package.*
- *Kellogg's Frosted Mini-Wheats are no longer allowed. Malt-O-Meal brand, Richfood, Safeway, Giant, and IGA store brands of frosted mini-wheats have been added.*
- *General Mills Total cereals have been removed.*
- *For eggs, store brands are to be purchased when available. Brown eggs will not be allowed.*

Please make sure store personnel becomes familiar with the 2004 WIC Authorized Foods List. You will be required to permit the new additions as well as the items being removed until January 1. Contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258 if you have questions.



WIC Regulation Changes

Revisions to the Code of Maryland Regulations
 10.54.03 – Retail Food and Pharmacy Vendors, will be published this fall. Some of the revisions are:



- *Requiring food stamp authorization for all Maryland WIC vendors prior to WIC authorization.*
- *Adding Lipil variety infant formulas to the minimum stock requirement.*

Please contact James A. Butler if you have any comments or questions.

Annual Vendor Training

A schedule of Annual Vendor Training sessions offered this year has been mailed to all WIC authorized vendors along with a registration form. Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) 10.54.03.15B(1)(i) requires a vendor to attend annual training in order to maintain WIC Authorization. Please register for a training date and time at least five days in advance. You may fax the registration form with the dates and times desired to 410-333-5243 or 410-333-5683 or e-mail to Mcraef@dnhm.state.md.us. Please contact Frances McRae-Washington at 410-767-5433 if you have questions.



Fall Cashier Training Schedule

Cashier training is optional, but is offered by the WIC Program to help keep cashiers properly trained. There is no cost for this training. Below are training dates for the remainder of the year.



<i>Caroline Co.</i>	<i>October 22</i>
<i>Queen Anne's Co.</i>	<i>October 25</i>
<i>Howard Co.</i>	<i>October 29</i>
<i>Charles Co.</i>	<i>October 29</i>
<i>Baltimore Co.</i>	<i>November 17</i>
<i>Wicomico Co.</i>	<i>November 17</i>
<i>Prince George's Co.</i>	<i>November 18</i>
<i>Garrett Co.</i>	<i>December 2</i>
<i>Baltimore City (Hopkins)</i>	<i>December 3</i>
<i>Frederick Co.</i>	<i>December 6</i>
<i>Baltimore City</i>	<i>December 7</i>
<i>Cecil Co.</i>	<i>December 7</i>
<i>Queen Anne's Co.</i>	<i>December 7</i>
<i>Allegany Co.</i>	<i>December 15</i>
<i>Charles Co.</i>	<i>December 15</i>
<i>Carroll Co.</i>	<i>December 29</i>

To take advantage of this training, please select a date and site your store trainer and/or cashiers would like to attend, complete the registration form, and mail or fax it at least five days in advance of the training date to Frances McRae-Washington, Office of the Maryland WIC Program, 201 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. The fax number is 410-333-5683. The schedule is also available online at: www.fha.state.md.us/wic/html/vendor.html

Store Sanitation

Several WIC vendors were recently ordered closed by the health department because of unsanitary conditions. COMAR regulations require that a vendor maintain store premises in a sanitary condition. If during the course of routine monitoring, unsanitary conditions are noted, they will be reported to the local health



department for investigation and inspection. Stores found to be unsanitary by a health inspector will be cited by the WIC Program for violation of applicable COMAR regulations.

Moving or Selling Your Store?

If you are moving or selling your store, please notify the Maryland WIC Program at least 15 days in advance. Selling your store does not transfer your WIC authorization! The new owner must apply to the Maryland WIC Program for authorization. You are also required to return your WIC vendor stamps to the Maryland WIC Program. If you have questions, or plan to sell or relocate your store, please contact JoAnn McGowen at 410-767-5251.



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